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International anger at spying reports (Page 1)

Instructions: Read the article 'International anger at spying reports'.
Answer questions 1-16.

1. Who is Angela Merkel?

2. What is meant by the word intelligence?

3. In which country is Edward Snowden now living?

4. List some of the ways by which intelligence organisations gather intelligence.

5. When and why did the government of the USA give the NSA permission to secretly collect and record communications from other countries?

6. List words used to describe the act of listening to, and recording, people's private phone calls.

7. What reason has Mr Snowden given for leaking the secret information?

8. Who is the president of Brazil? What did she do when she became aware of the NSA surveillance operation in her country?

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9. What is GCHQ?

10. What is a 'whistleblower'?

11. List the countries in which newspaper reports have said that NSA bugging took place.

12. What have NSA officials said about the newspaper reports?

13. How many world leaders does *The Guardian* newspaper claim the NSA has been monitoring?

14. What did an official who works for President Obama say about bugging Mrs Merkel's phone? What did he not say?

15. What is the Pentagon?

16. What is the Five Eyes agreement?

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Political changes in Georgia (Page 16)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Political changes in Georgia'.

Tick either true or false for the following statements.

	TRUE	FALSE
1. The Rose Revolution took place in Russia.		
2. Bidzina Ivanishvili set up the United National Movement (UNM) party.		
3. Giorgi Margvelashvili was Georgia Dream's presidential candidate.		
4. Mikheil Saakashvili has been president of Georgia for the last ten years.		
5. In 2008 it was agreed that the political system in Georgia would change.		
6. Mr Saakashvili wanted Georgia to have closer links with Europe.		
7. Abkhazia and South Ossetia are now part of Georgia.		
8. The prime minister is now in charge of the country.		
9. Mr Margvelashvili is the richest person in Georgia.		
10. Bidzina Ivanishvili is Georgia's prime minister.		

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Mining in Greenland (Page 14)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Mining in Greenland'.

The answers to the questions are given for 1-8. Write the questions.

1. **Q.** _____**A.** For public services such as schools and hospitals.2. **Q.** _____**A.** '21st century gold'.3. **Q.** _____**A.** Because warmer temperatures have been melting much of the sea ice around Greenland.4. **Q.** _____**A.** Landsting.5. **Q.** _____**A.** About 90%.6. **Q.** _____**A.** China.7. **Q.** _____**A.** Aleqa Hammond.8. **Q.** _____**A.** London.

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Battle of Nations anniversary (Page 11)

Instructions: Read the article 'Battle of Nations anniversary'.
Draw a line to connect the correct links. The first is done for you.

France

Grande Armée

Napoleon Bonaparte

War and Peace

Atlantic Ocean

Paris

Alexander the First

St Helena

Prussia

Belgium

Mediterranean Sea

Tsar

Waterloo

Northern Europe

Borodino

Island of Elba

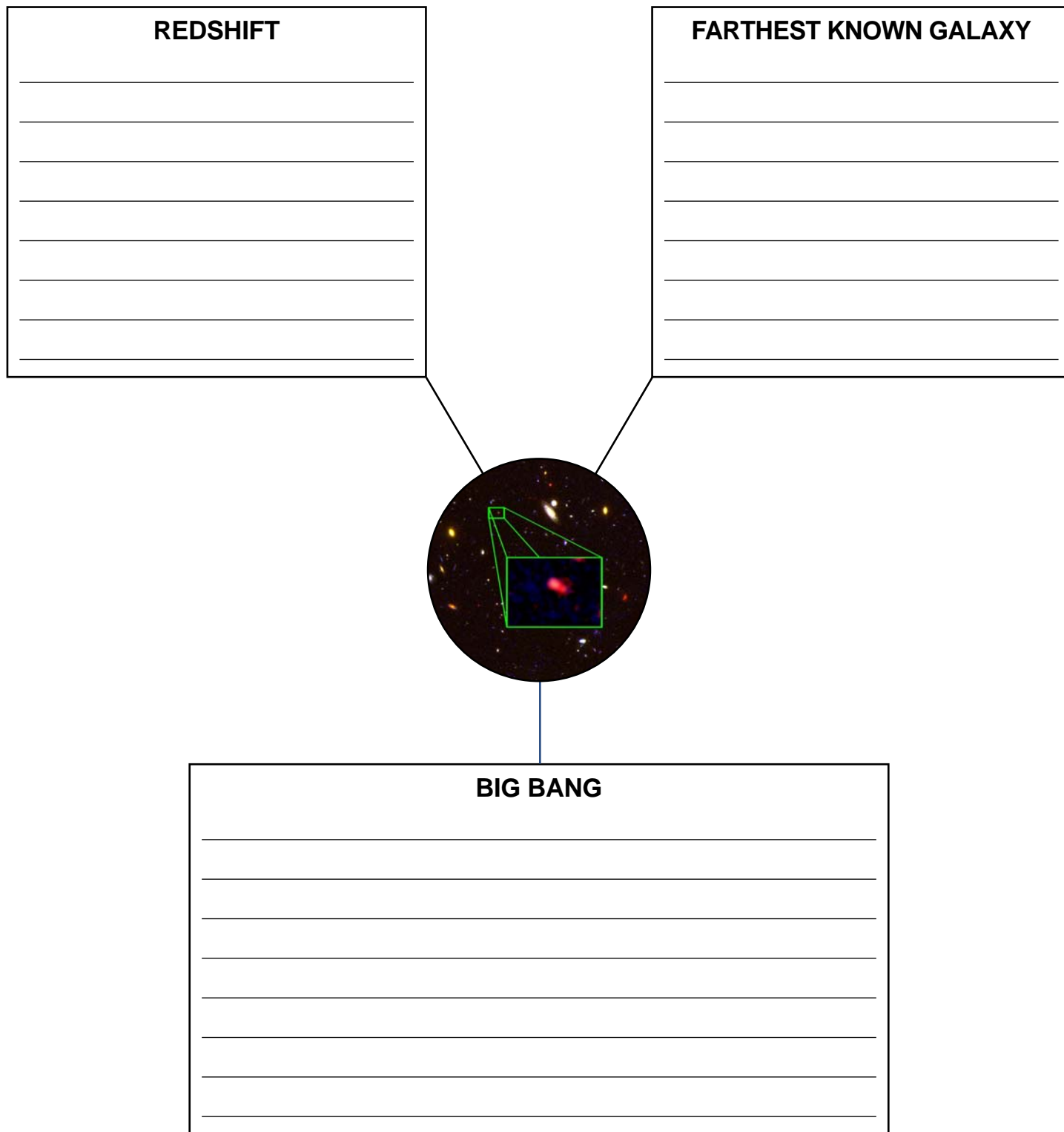
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Most distant galaxy (Page 12)

Instructions: Read the article 'Most distant galaxy' and fill in the spider diagram below with the details.



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World Islamic Economic Forum (Page 5)**Instructions:** Read the article 'World Islamic Economic Forum'.

Answer questions 1-8.

1. What was unusual about this year's World Islamic Economic Forum being held in London?

2. Where is the WIEF's headquarters? What is the purpose of the WIEF?

3. What does the UK plan to do?

4. What have WIEF's leaders said they want their annual meeting to be?

5. By what names are UK and USA government bonds known?

6. Why are Muslim investors not able to buy bonds issued by countries such as the UK and the USA?

7. What are Sukuks?

8. What is the WIEF's motto?

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World Map (Page 11)

Instructions: Solve these anagrams. Each answer is a country that appears on the World Map. Each anagram has one extra letter. Together the extra letters form another anagram. The answer is a mystery country. One is already done for you.

1. LIARDBZ

2. AUHMBTN

3. NALRCEDI

4. WAORYNA

5. ABLYSAMIA

6. YRUTAKE

7. AIERGIOG

8. RAMAMOYN

Mystery country =

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Issue 209 Elimination

Instructions: Read issue 209. Now eliminate from the list 13 pairs of words or phrases that go together. You will have one word or phrase left over. That is the answer. One pair is already done for you.

Australia

Strasbourg

China

Cupertino

Borodino

Rat Island

Constantinople

Titanic

Chocolate

Eucalyptus trees

Istanbul

Elba

Peace process

Russia

WIEF

European Court of Human Rights Cacao

Aleutians

Northern Ireland

~~Greenland~~*War and Peace*

Apple

Edward Snowden

Yeren

Napoleon

Malaysia

~~Denmark~~**Odd one out =** _____

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Issue 209 multiple choice quiz**Instructions:** Read issue 209 and circle the correct answers for questions 1-10.

1. **Which country has refused to take its seat on the UN Security Council?**
 - a. Indonesia
 - b. Chile
 - c. Vietnam
 - d. Saudi Arabia
 - e. Mexico
2. **How many billions of years ago was the 'Big Bang'?**
 - a. 13.8
 - b. 14.7
 - c. 16.3
 - d. 18.1
 - e. 20.5
3. **Who is the prime minister of the UK?**
 - a. David Cameron
 - b. Nick Clegg
 - c. William Hague
 - d. George Osborn
 - e. Alex Salmond
4. **What battle features in Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture*?**
 - a. Trafalgar
 - b. Austerlitz
 - c. Waterloo
 - d. The Battle of Nations
 - e. Borodino
5. **What is the name of the sea channel that connects the Aegean Sea and the Sea of Marmara?**
 - a. Bosphorus
 - b. Gibraltar Strait
 - c. Dardanelles
 - d. Lombok Strait
 - e. Strait of Malacca
6. **What is the name of Greenland's parliament?**
 - a. Saeima
 - b. Eduskunta
 - c. Althing
 - d. Sejm
 - e. Landsting
7. **In which part of the world have some people claimed to have seen a Yeti?**
 - a. Antarctica
 - b. Himalayas
 - c. Rocky Mountains
 - d. Mongolia
 - e. Amazonia
8. **Of which country has Giorgi Margvelashvili been elected as the president?**
 - a. Bulgaria
 - b. Azerbaijan
 - c. Armenia
 - d. Georgia
 - e. Romania
9. **Where did the *Titanic* sink?**
 - a. Mediterranean Sea
 - b. North Sea
 - c. Southern Ocean
 - d. North Atlantic Ocean
 - e. Indian Ocean
10. **Where is the Karman Line?**
 - a. Between Germany and France
 - b. Between the atmosphere and space
 - c. In Kashmir
 - d. Between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans
 - e. On Mars